do it at a cheaper cost, give it to them. We can know what the outside charge will be for bringing this scheme into existence. That would not be a bad idea. There are harbour building firms who build harbours and hand them over to Government and there are any number of electrical engineering firms now who are accustomed to generate electrical power. Certainly there is an apprehension in the minds of certain Members that, if it is done by Government, there will be no element of profit in the hands of the Government. Government would not count the expenditure at all. Varying of estimates by thousands would not matter to the Government, but it would certainly matter to a commercial firm building an electrical scheme for us. They would also try to make some money. We have no idea of profits at all and it will not enter into our calculations. So we will be giving an estimate and later on we find unforeseen difficulties in our way and the estimates may go up by lakhs. That is the apprehension, I think, that is in the mind of the Hon'ble Member for Trippunittura. For that I submit, it will be well for the Government to consider that aspect of the matter whether we cannot hand over the building of the scheme for a certain fixed amount to a competent electrical engineering firm. I only move this just to ventilate these ideas for the information of the Government so that they may take them also into consideration when they are going forward with the scheme. We are all anxious that the scheme should be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible, and we need not hesitate to spend any amount in the investigation stage at the cost of the tax-payer. The ideas we have placed may be considered by the Government. Now, I shall ask your permission to withdraw the cut and allow the grant to be passed.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put: *that the demand may be made.*

Motion carried.

22. I—Land Revenue—Cranganur—Rs. 311.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 311 under I—Land Revenue—Cranganur This demand partakes of the same character as the one that I moved in the beginning in respect of the State. This amount is required to meet the extra expenditure resulting from the revision of the pay of the village staff, Cranganur. Details have been furnished to the Standing Finance Committee and the total amount comes to Rs. 311. I pray that the House may be pleased to sanction the same.

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Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 311 under—Land Revenue—Cranganur by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion just to call your attention to the agitation that is going on regarding the Bharani festival at Cranganur. One part of the difficulty has been solved on paper and it will take some time to bring it fully into force, that is so far as the singing of obscene songs. Though there are complaints here and there that the orders are not fully observed by the public at large, the public is also partly responsible. There is the other question of killing of animal life, fouls and others unnecessarily. Of course a deputation has already waited upon the Diwan and has pressed the matter from a humanitarian point of view. Surely in a Hindu State, where life is held sacred, it will not be difficult with a little propaganda work to stop these things. We request that the Government will take the matter in hand and give their earnest attention to it. Only some propaganda is necessary to educate the people there, that these are not necessary. Of course a little sacrifice may be necessary inside the temple and that may be done. This wanton destruction of life, and throwing of fouls killed all over the place and to foul the atmosphere, those are practices which are accretions to the religious practice. This can be stopped without difficulty also. We request the Government to take the matter in hand and do everything possible.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This point is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not press the motion.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put: *that the demand may be made.*

Motion carried.

23. II—Agriculture and Panchayats—Cranganur—Rs. 76.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 76 under II. Agriculture and Panchayats, Cranganur. This amount is required for the payment of the cost of stationery articles, forms and registers purchased from the Stamp and Stationery Department. The reasons for the allotment were fully explained when I moved for an allotment of Rs. 2,792 yesterday. I request that the additional allotment asked for may be sanctioned.

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